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Please amend the paragraph beginning on page 12, line 14 of the specification to the following:

B) In a further modification of the present invention of the control unit 22 is adapted to monitor the tracking signal during the write process in a manner as described hereinbefore and to interrupt write process if the tracking signal is found to be indicative of a tracking error which is so large that an adjacent track is likely to be damaged by the write process. The write interrupt criterion proposed by the present invention is a criterion similar to the criterion for tracking integrity described hereinbefore but now having a higher value for the acceptance threshold. A decision to interrupt the write process is taken more in particular when the tracking error parameter D of the tracking signal is larger than $2/3$ for a length of time that lies in a range approximately between 50 μ s and 70 μ s, and preferably approximately of 60 μ s or longer.